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**Subject:** 'Draft revised guidelines: Sexual boundaries in the doctor-patient relationship'.

Dear Sir

I note that the The Medical Board is considering an update of the policy around the area of genital examination. It includes the suggested wording below.

***“When conducting a physical examination, good medical practice involves:***

- ***Using gloves when examining genitals or conducting internal examinations”***

I feel that this is a very adult orientated directive. I don't feel that this should apply to the genital examination of babies as part of their “Babycheck” and routine 2month, 4month, 6 month and 1yr checks by Drs or Community health nurses or midwives. Similarly looking for undescended testicles in 5yr old's or other prepubertal boys could be hampered using gloves. In girls when one simply parts the vulva to view introitus to check for say labial fusion should not need gloves. All of these examinations are clearly with permission of the attending parent. Gloves would obviously be used if there were signs of infection or infestation for the protection of the examiner.

Regards  
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